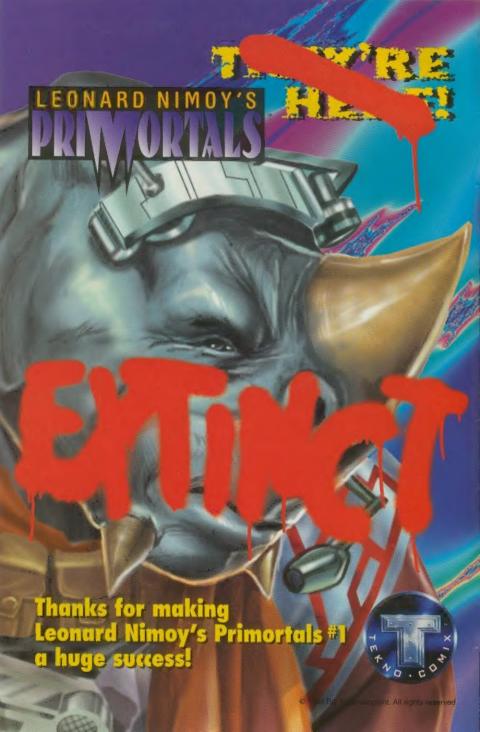
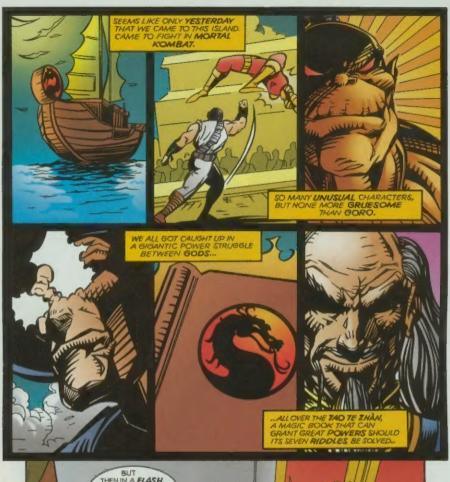
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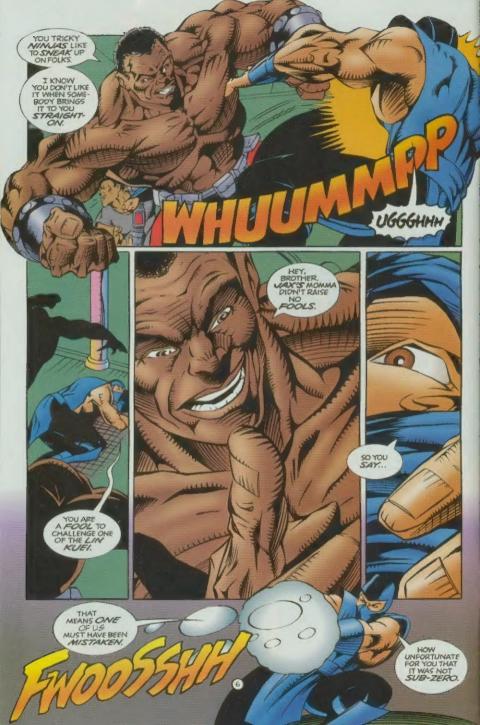
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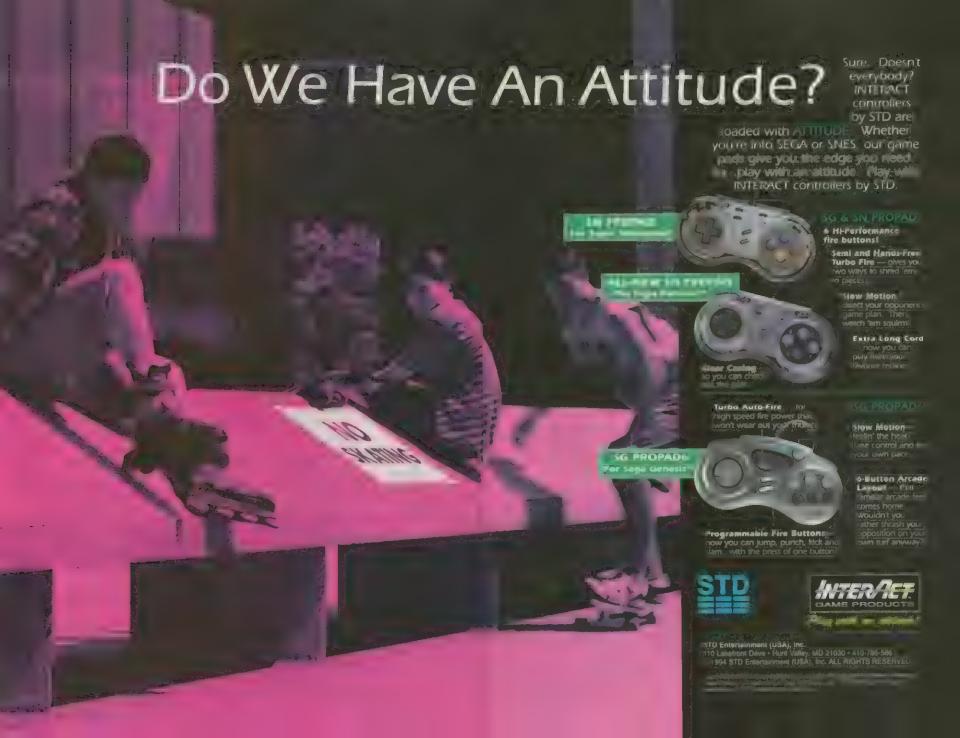




























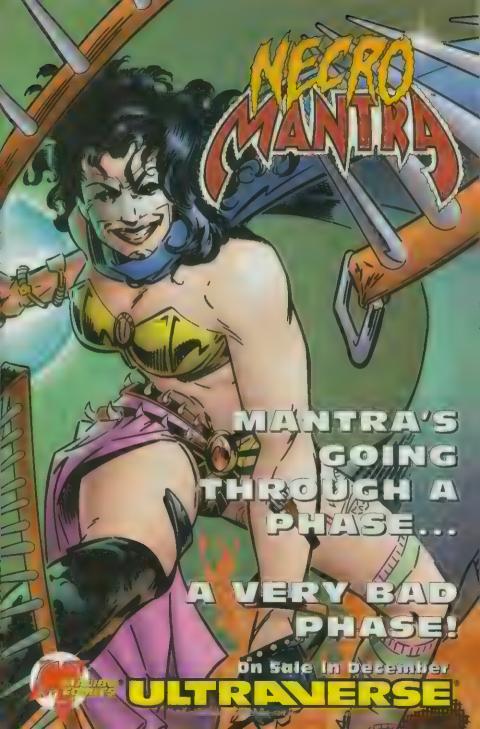








































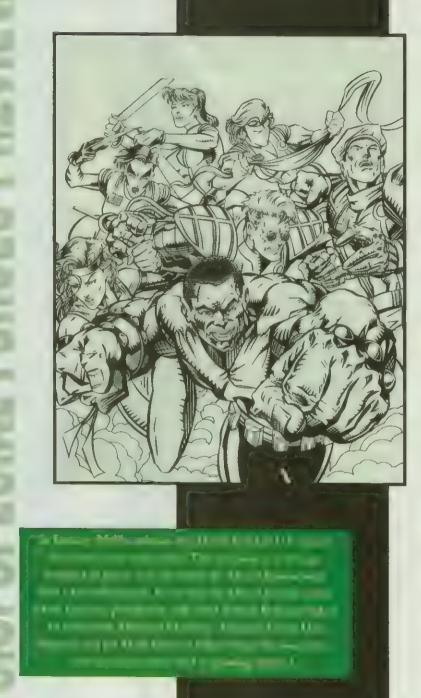












#### INTERVIEW WITH MARK PANICCIA BY DAN SHAHEEN

Dan: Who exactly is involved with the U.S.S.F.?

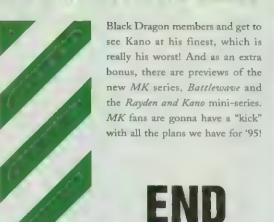
Mark: The stars of the book are the popular Lieutenant Sonva Blade and Major Jackson "Jax" Briggs. They are joined by a special unit that consists of agents Mikka Stone, Torque, Sylence, Cody and the ghostly Vapor. They are new characters, created specifically for the book and are the first non-game U.S.S.F. agents we've seen since poor Lance. As you remember, he met a terrible fate at the hands of Kano back in issue #2 of the Blood & Thunder storyline. Of course, the Black Dragon plays a major role in it, too.

Dan: What is the ever-ruthless Black Dragon up to in the U.S.S.F. mini-series?

Mark: "No good", as usual. To be precise, smuggling! What they are smuggling is a secret. I don't want to ruin any surprises, mind you. But I can tell you that it is a tale of pure, unadulterated comic book conflict in the way that only an action-packed story like this can convey!

Dan: What other goodies are in the first issue?

Mark: Aside from the main story, we've got a Kano back-up story, "Breakout", by Charles Marshall, Patrick Rolo and Richard Emond. You get a peek at a few more





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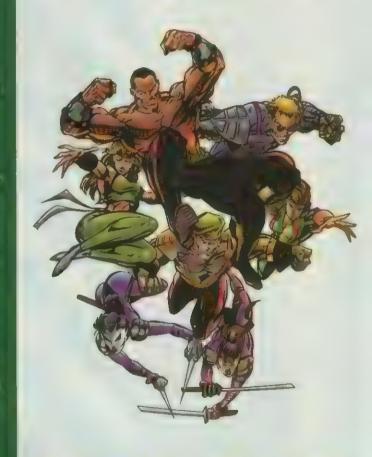
and the RAYDEN

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This is it, fearful ones! The final chapter of our Blood & Thunder storvline. I hope you've had as much fun as we have with this book, Charles, Patrick, Richard, Dan and I all want to thank you for staying with us throughout this heart-wrenching, spine-"tingling" adventure. If you survived the fever-pitched 50 pages of fists and feet, you'll be happy to know we were able to squeeze enough room to print a few more letters. We wish we could print them all, but neither time nor space will allow.

Dear Masters of Blood & Thunder.

Thank you, thank you, thank you for publishing my letter! But that is not the only reason I'm writing this letter. I'm writing it because you are so awesome! You are so awesome that I have to hold my breath for a very, very long time, just because of the action! That is why I haven't written you in a while. Anyway, please set me straight on something. Is Mortal Kombat Annual the same thing as the MK Tournament Edition? Will Battlewave be an ongoing series that has all the characters fighting each other and showing them in their private lives?

Jeff Souther Kingsport, TN

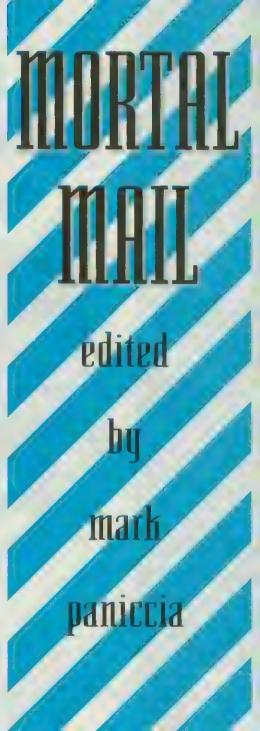
The Tournament Edition is indeed the same as the Annual. We just wanted to call it something more Morta Kombat sh. The Battlewave series will last six issues, just the same as Blood & Thunder

G'Day Malibu Comics.

From down under in the most beautiful part of the world here in Australia, where Mortal Kombat is more popular than the kangaroof Congratulations on your great comic that is both beautifully illustrated and above all, a great read. Well done folks! In relation to a new character for the MK comic, my suggestion is how about another female similar to Sonya. A barbarian from the outskirts with long black hair who is as beautiful as she is deadly. I think another female fighting for the side of good would be cool and worth considering, Anyway, thanks again and keep up the great work you are all doing at Malibu Comics.

Yours Faithfully,

Anthony Teuma Australia



If you want more females, you'll get 'em MK' U.S. Special Forces has a few famme fatales fighting on the side of truth and justice. Battlewave's got some of the bad girls. Keep on reading and you'll be pleasantly surpnsed

Dear Malibu Comics,

I have been a fan of Mortal Kombat since it first came out in the arcade. I was glad and surprised when I heard that M.K. was coming out with a comic book. I was even more surprised when I read it! I would have to say that Charles Marshall's writing is as good as Frank Miller, David Quinn and Todd McFarlane. Thanks for listening!

M.K. fan.

Ryan Reefs Narragansett, R.I.

Charles really pushed for us to get the license in the beginning and put a lot of energy into the development process. His care for the book shines through the pages. He'll be doing more stuff in the future for Malibu (particularly me), and don't forget to pick up his three issue stint on our STAR TREK DEEP SPACE NINE® senes (issues #11, 12 and 13, to be precise).

Dear Mortal Kombat Folks.

I recently picked up issue #5 of the Blood & Thunder series and I'd like to compliment you on the cover, but I'd really like you to bring Patrick Rolo back as penciler. Also, when is the Tournament Edition going to be on the stands? I have all my friends and relatives looking for it.

Thanks!

A.J Urban Johnstown, P.A.

It's out right now, Ponchol In your very hands, I might add. And don't worry, Pat will be back as regular artist of as many MK projects as his busy schedule can handle. We've got him chained to his drawing table right now. As a matter of fact, his fianceé, Danielle, is trying to break the door down to rescue him!

Dear Malibu Comics,

1 just picked up the Mortal Kombat comic #5 and I love ttl I have all the comics so far, including the hologram and gold cover ones. I really like the character named Rayden. I have tons of pictures and posters of him and when I play *Mortal Kombat*, I always do friendships with him.

I think you guys should make some posters and t-shirts of your Mortal Kombat characters, especially Rayden! I'll write back soon.

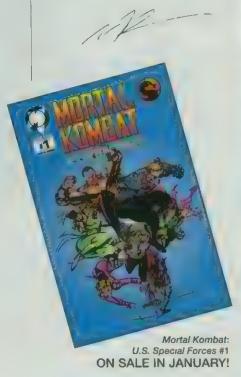
Sincerely,

Mortal Kombat Fan Sarah Locy

Rayden is quite the fave here in the Malibu Licensing Department! As you may have noticed, he plays quite an important role here in the Blood & Thunder storyline. He'il be back, shaning a mini-senes with the ruthless Kano in March. Be sure to look for it

Again, thanks to everyone who stayed in the ring for the last round in this fight of all fights. If you're not too bruised up, keep a lookout for more MORTAL KOMBAT coming your way from Maille all.

See you in January with MK: U.S. SPECIAL FORCEs #1, gang.





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### **Checklist** December 1994 STAR TREK

Happy Holidays, Pioneers! This month I am the bearer of some very fine gifts. Two, to be exact! In your dirty old baseball sock hanging above the fireplace you will find the

Mortal Kombat:

**Tournament Edition** ripping through the sweat stained cotton with the ferocious blades of all those weapon toting Kombatanta! It's the battle of the century! The fight of all fights! Fist to face and foot to... ouch! You know where! That's right, it's the book you've been waiting for when the MK I and MK II characters duke it out to see who's the greatest warrior alive! Whew!



With no break from adrenaline rushes, you'll find the DS9 Annual beaming under your tree (it better not be a real tree. Save those so we can keep making comics). Curzon Dax guest stars for 50 pages jammed with action and intrigue. Well, OK, it's not Curzon... at least not from our

dimension. But, wait till you see what's going on in his dimension and why he needs the help of the DS9 crew, especially Odo.

And as an added holiday bonus, I'll

go ahead and throw in a new number one issue for all you collector types, BattleTech: Fallout #1 to be precise. As many of you know. BattleTech is somewhat of a phenomenon, having started as a board game and evolving to role playing, video and virtual reality based game centers. Jump in a mech and join the ride!

That's it for now, Pioneers. It's time for me to go and get my gift shoppin' done. Oh, and by

the way, I'm glad I don't have to deal with snow this year. Just mud slides, earthquakes, fires and riots!



#### ADDITIONAL CREDITS

Mortal Kombat®: Tournament Edition #1

Cover Art: Patrick Rolo and Richard Emand Cover Colorist: Renee Pulve

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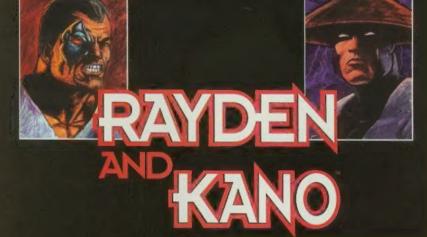
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